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SUBJECT: GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT,
MAY 29-JUNE 4, 1978, FIELD OPERATIONS THROUGH JUNE 9.

1. GOM ERADICATION AND ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS FOR THE 22ND
WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN PARENTHESIS
REFLECT CUMULATIVE TOTAL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER, 1977.

ERADICATION MAY 29-JUNE 4, 1978

ZONES 5 - 9 3 - 4 1 - 2 11 TOTAL

A. POPPY FIELDS	33	0	10	0	43	(15,404)
B. HECTARES	6.48	0	.153	0	6.633	(2356)
C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	14	7	3	2	26	(2254)
D. HECTARES	3.24	.56	1.54	.03	5.37	(464)
E. MIXED FIELDS	1	0	0	0	1	(112)
F. HECTARES	.32	0	0	0	.32	(18)

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ENFORCEMENT MAY 29-JUNE 4, 1978

- TOTAL THIS PERIOD CUMULATIVE TOTAL

A. KG. HEROIN	1.748	71.634
B. KG. OPIUM	3.500	285.916
C. KG. OPIUM SEED	3.100	70.036
D. HEROIN LABS	0	11

E. KG. COCAINE	5.257	38.849
F. KG. MARIHUANA	13,973	296,636
G. KG. MARIHUANA SEEDS	71	1257.977
H. KG. HASHISH	0	59.875
I. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	.250
J. KG. PEYOTE	0	11.85
K. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	0	1,511,105
L. ARRESTS-MEXICAN	84	2188
M. ARRESTS-U.S.	3	76
N. ARRESTS-OTHER	0	12
O. VEHICLES	18	343
P. WEAPONS	46	795
Q. AMMUNITION	170	33,447
R. PESOS	55,625.00	502,348.00
S. DOLLARS	0	33,812.00
T. AIRCRAFT	0	26

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 22ND WEEK OF 1978 HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. FORTY-THREE POPPY FIELDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE 22ND WEEK OF 1978, WHEREAS NO POPPY FIELDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. OF THE 6.633 HECTARES OF POPPIES DESTROYED DURING THE 22ND WEEK OF 1978, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ONE FIELD WAS 4 HECTARES IN SIZE. THIS IS COUNTER TO THE BASIC TREND OF SMALLER FIELDS IN 1978 AS COMPARED TO 1977. THIS ONE FIELD WAS LOCATED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RANCHO MEZA DE GUADALUPE, DURANGO.

3. FIELD OPERATIONS:

A. ZONE 01, OAXACA: AFTER INTERIM BRIEFING SESSION FOR AG EXECUTIVE OFFICER RELATIVE TO KATZ' FINDINGS DURING HIS FIELD TRIP TO CULIACAN, BAEZA INVITED JOINT USG/AG TEAM TO VISIT OAXACA IN ORDER TO SEE: QUOTE, THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN, UNQUOTE. TEAM TRAVELED TO OAXACA BY AG EXECUTIVE JET ON JUNE 7 TO PERFORM ON-SITE EVALUATION OF TELECOM FACILITIES AND ACQUIRE A FEEL FOR TOPOGRAPHY AND DISTANCES INVOLVED FOR EXPANDED OPERATIONS IN THIS ZONE. ZONE COORDINATOR INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER HIS ZONE WAS RECENTLY ORDERED TO ASSUME JURISDICTION OVER AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT SECTORS WHICH COVER THE ENTIRE GULF COAST AREA IN THE STATE OF VERACRUZ. TEAM ALSO VISITED A PLANNED ADVANCE BASE IN SECTOR 293 IN THE POPULATED AREA OF MIGUEL ALEMAN. LIC. ZAMORA-APAM RECOMMENDED HIS ZONE SHOULD BE SELECTED FOR THE EXTENSIVE COLOR ADDITIVE TESTING SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE SOON AS THEY ARE NOW LOCATING NUMEROUS MARIHUANA FIELDS WHICH PROVIDE DIVERSE CONDITIONS OF GROWTH AND ALTITUDE LEVELS. THIS POINT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY

DISCUSSED WITH BAEZA AND FIELD TESTING SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE WEEK OF JUNE 12 IN OAXACA UNDER GOM CONTRACT WITH JOHN FORD. NAU ADVISER WILL ACCOMPANY TECHNICAL TEAM TO THE FIELD AS OBSERVER.

B. ZONE 06, CULIACAN: JOINT USG/AG TELECOMMUNICATIONS TEAM MET WITH ZONE COORDINATOR LOPEZ-GARZA AND THE NEW CONDOR TASK FORCE COMMANDER, GEN. MANUEL LOMELI-GAMBOA, TO DISCUSS EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS ESSENTIAL FOR MILITARY ELEMENTS TO SUPPORT AG ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE EXTENSIVE ZONE. KATZ RECOMMENDED THE USE OF AIRBORNE OR MOBILE REPEATERS TO INCREASE THE COVERAGE OF THE VHF/FM NETWORK IN ZONE 06; CONVERSELY, HE JUDGED THE IDENTIFI-

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CATION/EMERGENCY (ID/EM) SYSTEM PROPOSED FOR THE SAME NETWORK WAS NOT JUSTIFIABLE.

C. ZONE 10, MEXICO CITY: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE ATTACHE ATTENDED EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SENIOR STAFF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, ACCOMPANIED BY NAU FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER TELLO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AGENDA DISCUSSIONS. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING FOLLOW IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

(1) PROCUREMENTS FOR E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT: BAEZA STIPULATED THE AG'S DIRECTIVE THAT ALL PROCUREMENTS, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL, WILL BE PERFORMED BY NON-AG DIRECT HIRE PERSONNEL FROM THE E-SYSTEMS TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP.

THE PREDICTABLE REACTION FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF OF AERO SERVICES WERE ABRUPTLY QUASHED BY BAEZA WITH STATEMENT THAT IT WAS AN AG ORDER.

(2) TRAINING: CHIEF OF AERO SERVICES INFORMED MAINTENANCE TRAINING CLASSES WOULD COMMENCE ON JUNE 12 AT A TEMPORARY SITE UNTIL THE FURNITURE WAS DELIVERED TO THE CONSOLIDATED OFFICIAL USE

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DATED FACILITY AT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER. E-SYSTEMS TRAINING CADRE WILL HANDLE MOST OF THE TRAINING SESSIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN FIXED WING COURSES.

(3) E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND AUDIT: BAEZA COMMENTED ON THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE AG ON THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING TOTAL MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE IMMINENT EVALUATION/AUDIT. EMBASSY OFFICER ASSURED ALL PRESENT THAT THESE WERE THE GROUND RULES DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON WITH NO RESTRAINTS WHATSOEVER IMPOSED BY THE POTENTIAL USG AGENCIES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE EXERCISE.

(4) VISIT TO NASA/EARTH RESOURCES LABORATORY BY AG PERSONNEL: BAEZA ACCEPTED AND APPROVED EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION TO SEND A TEAM OF FOUR AG OFFICERS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH NASA PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO OPTIMIZE THE SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF NEW REMOTE SENSING EQUIPMENT.

4. TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

A. FLIGHT OPERATIONS: AN ANALYSIS OF THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT SHOWING FLYING HOURS BY ZONE IS GIVEN BELOW. TOTAL MONTHLY FLYING HOURS FOR MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 1978 (ALL ZONES) ARE GIVEN FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: TRANSPORTATION, FUMIGATION/SUPPORT, RECONNAISSANCE/VERIFICATION AND OTHERS. PERCENTAGES FOR EACH CATEGORY ARE INDICATED IN PARENTHESES:

TRANSPORTATION	FUMIGATION/	RECONNAISSANCE/	OTHER	TOTAL
-	SUPPORT	VERIFICATION		
MARCH	804 (28)	1230 (42)	811 (28)	65 (2) 2910

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APRIL	1044(39)	628 (24)	897 (34)	94 (4) 2663
MAY	675 (39)	272 (16)	648 (38)	11 (7) 1606

COMPARATIVE FLYING HOURS ARE GIVEN FOR CULIACAN, ZONE 6, WHICH COMPRISES ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL FLYING HOURS FOR THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD.

	TRANSPORTATION	FUMIGATION/	RECONNAISSANCE/	OTHER	TOTAL
-	SUPPORT	VERIFICATION			
MARCH	295	849	320	55	1519
APRIL	379	371	349	70	1169
MAY	290	248	348	88	974

THE ABOVE STATISTICS SHOW THE HISTORICAL TREND OF REDUCED FLYING HOURS FOR FUMIGATION/SUPPORT ACTIVITY DURING APRIL AND MAY AND AN INCREASED NUMBER OF FLYING HOURS FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND VERIFICATION DURING THE SAME MONTHS. THE PERCENTAGE OF TIME SPENT FOR TRANSPORTATION ALSO INCREASED DURING APRIL AND MAY. FLYING HOUR DATA FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE ERADICATION STATISTICS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

B. MAINTENANCE: EIGHT NEW MECHANICS WERE HIRED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WHICH BRINGS EFFECTIVE STRENGTH TO TOTAL OF 73 WITH 20 OTHERS PRESENTLY IN THE US UNDERGOING INTENSIVE, LONG TERM TRAINING. MEXICAN CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION WAS GRANTED THIS WEEK FOR IN-HOUSE CAPABILITY FOR REPAIRS TO ALL COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT (PRECLUDES GYROS), MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS FOR 3,000 KGS. ROTARY-WING AIRCRAFT INCLUDING

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OVERHAULS, ALL MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS REQUIRED ON FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT UP TO 12,000 KGS., AND ALL MAINTENANCE AND OVERHAUL OF AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS (PRECLUDES MOTORS OR ENGINES).

C. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: NAU TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISERS DEVOTED THEIR TIME TO TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH TDY ENGINEER KATZ AND ATTENDING MEETINGS WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR HIS SENIOR STAFF. BAEZA ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATION BY KATZ TO SEND TELECOM CHIEF AND HIS DEPUTY TO WASHINGTON TO ATTEND A COMMO EXHIBIT SCHEDULED THIS MONTH. EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND BOTH RESIDENT ADVISERS TO ESCORT AND PARTICIPATE.

D. E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION: SOUTHWEST VERT-ALL (DALLAS) WAS AWARDED THE COMPETITIVE BID FOR REPAIRS TO CRASH-DAMAGED MODEL 212 (XC-GAB). EMBASSY JUDGES ALL PROVISIONS WERE TAKEN TO AVOID ANY CONTRACTUAL PROBLEMS WHICH COULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CHARGES AS OCCURRED IN THE CASE OF THE BELL HELICOPTER CONTRACT. SAME PROCEDURE PREVAILED IN THE BID AWARDED TO ARIZONA HELICOPTERS
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(FLAGSTAFF) FOR REPAIRS TO CRASH-DAMAGED MODEL 206-B (XC-GIQ). BOTH CONTRACTS SCHEDULED FOR EXECUTION THIS MONTH.

E. PILOT TRAINING AT SOUTHLAND (LONG BEACH): AVIATION OPERATIONS ADVISER CARSON AND CAPTAIN SOLA (AERO SERVICES) TRAVELED TO LONG BEACH AND SPENT THREE DAYS AT THE SITE TO MONITOR AND EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS FOR A TOTAL OF 17 FIXED WING PILOTS WHO ARE MAKING THE TRANSITION TO ROTARY WING. DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW. RD ACTING WOOD.
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